

Official Proceedings of THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS of The City of Lansing

Proceedings April, 8, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,

April 8, 1943, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The City Council met as a Board of Canvassers under authority of Section 20 of the City Charter, and was called to order by the Mayor, Sam Street Hughes.

ROLL CALL

Present—Aldermen Coller, Cranmer, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—14.

Absent—Alderman Crego.—1.

The Clerk announced that a quorum of the Council was present.

by Ald. Hungerford—

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the election held April 5, 1943.

Carried.

The Mayor appointed a committee, consisting of Alderman Letherman, Alderman Eddy and Alderman Snyder, to tabulate the returns of said election.

THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS' REPORT

The Board of Canvassers then proceeded to canvass the results of the Election held on Monday, April 5, 1943.

ALDERMAN FROM THE THIRD WARD —TO FILL VACANCY

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Third Ward for the term ending the second Monday in January, 1944, was 1235, of which 899 votes were cast for Ralph M. Wiegandt and 336 votes were cast for William Simpson.

Ralph M. Wiegandt having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Cranmer he was declared duly elected.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bassett, Coller, Cranmer, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—14.

Nays—None.

SPECIAL PROPOSITION—TIME

The whole number of votes cast for the Special Proposition, "Shall the City of Lansing adopt Eastern War Time (Fast Time) from April 11 to October 1, 1943?"

was 4824, of which 2,924 votes were cast in favor of the adoption of Eastern War Time (Fast Time), 1900 votes were cast against the adoption of Eastern War Time (Fast Time).

By Ald. Hungerford—

That inasmuch as the larger number of votes cast were in favor of the adoption of Eastern Standard Time (Fast Time) from April 11 to October 1, 1943, be it

Resolved by the Board of Canvassers that this Board recommends to the City Council the adoption of Eastern War Time (Fast Time) from April 11 to October 1, 1943.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bassett, Collier, Cranmer, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Hungerford—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the Election Pay Roll, amounting to \$1,530.50, be allowed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bassett, Collier, Cranmer, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—14.

Nays—None.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,

April 8, 1943.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF The Board of Canvassers OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 7, 1943

October 7, 1943.

The City Council of the City of Lansing, Michigan, met as a Board of Canvassers, under authority of Section 22, of the City Charter and was called to order by the Acting Mayor, Ralph W. Crego.

ROLL CALL

Present—Aldermen Coller, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—13.

Absent—Aldermen Letherman, Wiegandt.—2.

The Clerk announced that a quorum of the Council was present.

By Ald. Eddy —

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the Regular and Special Primary Elections held on Tuesday, October 5, 1943.

The Mayor then appointed a committee consisting of Ald. Coller, Ald. W. R. C. Smith and Ald. Cranmer to tabulate the returns of said election.

THE CITY CANVASSERS' REPORT

The Board of Canvassers then proceeded to canvass the results of the Primary Election held on Tuesday, the 5th day of October, 1943.

ALDERMAN FROM THE SECOND WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Second Ward was 335, of which 168 votes were cast for John A. Bates, 56 votes were cast for Robert J. Mott, and 111 votes were cast for Robert W. Peters.

John A. Bates having received the ma-

jority of all votes cast, on motion of Ald. Coller he was declared duly nominated.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Coller, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—13.

Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE SIXTH WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Sixth Ward was 921, of which 281 votes were cast for James R. Connor, 83 votes were cast for John Haruska and 557 votes were cast for Harold W. Hungerford.

Harold W. Hungerford having received the majority of all votes cast, on motion of Ald. Eddy he was declared duly nominated.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Coller, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—13.

Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE EIGHTH WARD

(To Fill Vacancy)

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Eighth Ward, to fill vacancy, was 569, of which 131 votes were cast for Joseph Kutchev, 107 votes were cast for Edward Lucasse, 145 votes were cast for Lyle K. Padgett, 134 votes were cast for Arthur J. Seipp, 19 votes were cast for Earl E. Taylor, and 33 votes were cast for Earl G. Wright.

Lyle K. Padgett and Arthur J. Seipp having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Stoppel they were declared duly nominated.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Hungerford—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That the Election Pay Roll, amounting to \$510.50, be allowed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Hungerford, Niles, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel.—13.

Nays—None.

Board of Canvassers adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan,
October 7, 1943.

The Secretary of the Board reported that the City Council had acted favorably on the recommendation of the Board to grant to the State Highway Department 17 feet of land along the south side of Waverly Golf Course for improvement to Highway 43 on West Saginaw Street.

Placed on file.

Mr. H. L. Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, reported on the

finances of the cemeteries. He also reported on plans that had been made for the Lincoln Recreation Center and other recreation matters.

Mr. Bancroft reported a list of Post War Projects which might be suitable for the Board's consideration.

The Board adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
Secretary of the Board.

Official Proceedings of THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS of The City of Lansing Proceedings, Nov. 6, 1943

Lansing, Michigan,
November 6, 1943.

The City Council met as a Board of Canvassers, under authority of Section 22, of the City Charter, and was called to order by Acting Mayor, Ralph W. Crego.

ROLL CALL

Present — Aldermen Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Absent—Aldermen Hungerford, Niles.—2.

The City Clerk announced that a quorum of the Council was present.

By Ald. Letherman—

That the Board of Canvassers proceed to canvass the returns of the election held on Tuesday, November 2, 1943.

Carried.

The Mayor then appointed a committee consisting of Ald. Graham, Ald. Collier and Ald. Eddy to tabulate the returns of said election.

THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS' REPORT

The Board of Canvassers then proceeded

to canvass the returns of the Election, held Tuesday, November 2, 1943, with the following results:

MAYOR

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Mayor to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Sam Street Hughes was 8686, of which 7120 votes were cast for Ralph W. Crego and 1566 votes were cast for John H. Russell.

Ralph W. Crego having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Russell he was duly elected to the office of Mayor by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

CITY CLERK

The whole number of votes cast for the office of City Clerk was 7565, all of which votes were cast for Bertha Ray.

Bertha Ray having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Collier she was declared duly elected to the office of City Clerk by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A.

Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

(Municipal Court Judge)

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Justice of the Peace was 7018, all of which votes were cast for Louis E. Coash.

Louis E. Coash having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. W. R. C. Smith he was declared duly elected to the office of Justice of the Peace by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

CITY ASSESSOR

(To Fill Vacancy)

The whole number of votes cast for the office of City Assessor to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Ziegler was 5701, all of which votes were cast for Lester N. Pressley.

Lester N. Pressley having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Stoppel he was declared duly elected City Assessor, to fill vacancy, by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

CITY ASSESSOR

(Full Term)

The whole number of votes cast for the office of City Assessor, Full Term, was 5889, all of which votes were cast for Lester N. Pressley.

Lester N. Pressley having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Graham he was declared duly elected to the office of City Assessor for Full Term by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

CONSTABLE

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Constable was 6963, all of which votes were cast for Carl A. Morlok.

Carl A. Morlok having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Dell he was declared duly elected to the office of Constable by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE FIRST WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the First Ward was 695, of which 344 votes were cast for Stewart Byle, and 351 votes were cast for Samuel Brown.

Samuel Brown having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Carl Smith he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the First Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE SECOND WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Second Ward was 795, all of which votes were cast for John A. Bates.

John A. Bates having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Collier he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Second Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE THIRD WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Third Ward was 1156, of which 842 votes were cast for Ralph M. Wiegandt, and 314 votes were cast for Harry E. Wilcox.

Ralph W. Wiegandt having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Cranmer he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Third Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE FOURTH WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Fourth Ward was 1162, all of which votes were cast for William R. C. Smith.

William R. C. Smith having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Graham he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Fourth Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE FIFTH WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Fifth Ward was 898, all of which votes were cast for Orla B. Snyder.

Orla B. Snyder having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Russell he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from Fifth Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE SIXTH WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Sixth Ward was 1483, all of which votes were cast for Harold W. Hungerford.

Harold W. Hungerford having received all of the votes cast, on motion of Ald. Eddy he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Sixth Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE SEVENTH WARD

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Seventh Ward was 367, all of which votes were cast for Glen E. Letherman.

Glen E. Letherman having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Dell he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Seventh Ward by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE EIGHTH WARD

(Full Term)

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Eighth Ward for Full Term was 589, all of which votes were cast for Arthur E. Stoppel.

Arthur E. Stoppel having received the entire number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Graham he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Eighth Ward for Full Term by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

ALDERMAN FROM THE EIGHTH WARD

(To Fill Vacancy)

The whole number of votes cast for the office of Alderman from the Eighth Ward, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Edson Bassett, was 851, of which 441 votes were cast for Lyle K. Padgett, and 410 votes were cast for Arthur J. Seipp.

Lyle K. Padgett having received the larger number of votes cast, on motion of Ald. Stoppel he was declared duly elected to the office of Alderman from the Eighth Ward to Fill Vacancy by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CHARTER AMENDMENT—Reducing Number of Assessors from Three to One

The whole number of votes cast for the Charter Amendment 23(a), Shall that part of Section 23 of Chapter 3 of the Charter of the City of Lansing, dealing with regular and special elections, which reads as follows: "At each annual election there shall be elected, one City Assessor for a term of three years" be amended to reduce the number of City Assessors to be elected from three to one and increasing the term of office from three years to four years, was 6872, of which 4432 votes were

cast in favor of the Charter Amendment and 2440 votes were cast against the Charter Amendment.

Whereas, the larger number of votes cast were in favor of the Charter Amendment, on motion of Ald. W. R. C. Smith it was declared adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

PROPOSITION NO. II

CHARTER AMENDMENT—Permitting City Treasurer to Serve More Than One Term

The whole number of votes cast for the Charter Amendment 23(b), Shall that part of Section 23 of Chapter 3 of the Charter of the City of Lansing, which reads, "No person shall be eligible for the office of City Treasurer for more than two consecutive years" be repealed, thereby allowing the City Treasurer to run to succeed himself?, was 6985, of which 4440 votes were cast in favor of the Charter Amendment and 2545 votes were cast against the Charter Amendment.

Whereas, the larger number of votes cast were in favor of the Charter Amendment, on motion of Ald. Carl Smith it was declared adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

PROPOSITION NO. III

CHARTER AMENDMENT—Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan

The whole number of votes cast for the Charter Amendment, "Shall the Charter of the City of Lansing be amended by adding thereto a new Chapter to stand and be known as Chapter 29 to create a retirement system which will provide for retirement annuities, disability benefits, and death in line of duty benefits for policemen and firemen employed by the city; create a Board of Trustees to administer the system; to require the policemen and firemen to contribute 5% of their pay toward their retirement benefits; and to provide for regulations required in the administration of the retirement system?", was 7012, of which 5643 votes were cast in favor of the Charter Amendment and 1369 votes were cast against the Charter Amendment.

Whereas, the larger number of votes cast were in favor of the Charter Amend-

ment, on motion of Ald. W. R. C. Smith it was declared adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

PROPOSITION NO. IV

Time Proposition

The whole number of votes cast for the proposition, "Shall the City of Lansing adopt Eastern War Time (Fast Time) for the duration of the War?" was 8126, of which 4490 were cast in favor of the proposition, and 3636 votes were cast against the proposition.

Whereas, the larger number of votes cast were in favor of the Proposition, on motion of Ald. Snyder it was declared adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Graham—

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing:

That each Inspector of Election for the election held on November 2, 1943, be given an additional \$3.00 in his pay for services at said election.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Dell—

That the Election payroll amounting to \$2,003.75 be allowed.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Collier, Cranmer, Crego, Dell, Eddy, Graham, Letherman, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.

Nays—None

To the Board of Canvassers of the City of Lansing,

Gentlemen:

I hereby petition for a recount or re-reading of the official count on the voting

machines, cast for the office of Alderman from the First Ward on the grounds that I believe that there were errors in recording or reporting the result of the election for this office.

I herewith deposit the sum of \$15.00 for re-reading the machines in the following precincts:

Precincts A, B, and D.

Signed:

STEWART BYLE.

Filed November 4, 1943, at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

By, Ald. Letherman—

That the Board of Canvassers meet on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1943, at 7 o'clock p.m., to conduct a re-count or re-reading of the tabulation of votes cast for Alderman

from the First Ward in Precincts A, B, and D, of said Ward and that the City Clerk give notice to the Inspectors who served at said election and to the Voting Machine Custodians who prepared said Voting Machines to be present at the re-reading of said voting machines as required by law.

Carried.

Aldermen Letherman, Carl Smith and Eddy were authorized to represent the Board of Canvassers at the re-count in the first Ward.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned until Nov. 15, 1943.

BERTHA RAY,

City Clerk.

CITY COUNCIL ROOM

Lansing, Michigan,

Nov. 15, 1943.

The City Council of the City of Lansing, Michigan, met as a Board of Canvassers and was called to order by Mayor Crego.

ROLL CALL

Present—Ald. Collier, Dell, Eddy, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Padgett, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Absent—Ald. Cranmer, Graham.—2.

The City Clerk announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee appointed to act for the Board of Canvassers to recount or re-read the tabulation of votes cast for the office of Alderman for the First Ward in Precincts A, B, and D, of said Ward, reports as follows:

The re-reading and tabulation of the votes cast in said precincts was made in

accordance with the State Election Laws by the Inspectors of Election for said precincts in the presence of this committee and the figures and the result as made by them was the same as made by said Election Inspectors on the day of Election and as tabulated by the Board of Canvassers on November 4, 1943 and the signed reports of the Election Inspectors are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Signed:

H. M. EDDY,
CARL SMITH,
G. E. LETHERMAN.
Committee on Re-Count.

By Ald. Letherman—

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas—Ald. Collier, Dell, Eddy, Hungerford, Letherman, Niles, Padgett, Russell, C. A. Smith, W. R. C. Smith, Snyder, Stoppel, Wiegandt.—13.
Nays—None.

The Board of Canvassers adjourned.

BERTHA RAY,
City Clerk.